

**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated September 30, 2005, Applicants elect Group (I) and Species (6), without traverse.

Applicants furthermore cancel claims 1-28 and present new claims 29-55 for examination, including independent claim 1 directed to a fluorine-containing resin composition comprising a fluorine-containing polymer having functional group represented by formula (1) and independent claim 45 directed to a fluorine-containing polymer having functional group also represented by formula (1). Claims 29, 30, 33-46 and 49-55 read on the elected Species (6):a=1-3; b=0; c=1. If the Examiner requires restriction of the claims presented herein, Applicants elect claims 45-55 (fluorine-containing polymer) and Species (a=1-3; b=0; c=1).

The present Application No. 10/654,888 is a Continuation-in-Part of International Application No. PCT/JP02/02057 filed March 6, 2002, and claims foreign priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-64771 filed March 8, 2001.

The claims presented herein are substantially based on the claims of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-64771 filed March 8, 2001 with minor corrections to the groups represented by  $Rf^3$  in claim 34; to the group represented by  $Rf^6$ ,  $Rf^9$  and  $Rf^{10}$  in claims 36, 38 and 39, which corrections find support in the respective groups represented by  $Rf^3$ ,  $Rf^6$ ,  $Rf^9$  and  $Rf^{10}$  exemplified in the Japanese Application. Polymer claims 45-55 as well as claims 29-44 are supported in both the Japanese Priority Application, PCT Application No. PCT/JP02/02057 and the present Application No. 10/654,888. The March 8, 2001 filing date of Japanese Patent

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT

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Application No. 2001-64771 from which Applicants claim foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 antedates JP 2001-226313 A published August 21, 2001 and cited in the International Search Report.

Entry of the Amendment and the Examiner's favorable consideration of claims 29-55 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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